

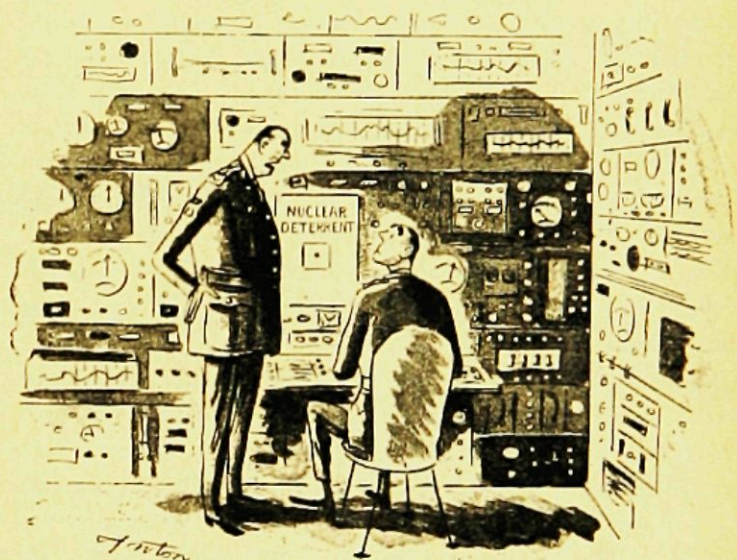
• Abroad •

Sana, Yemen. There is considerably more than has yet met the general eye in the revolution in this barbarous, slaveholding stretch of desert. A number of the officers of the revolutionary force that bearded the old Sheik and his family in their palace were trained in Russia, which has also supplied part of their equipment. Nasser's United Arab Republic has sent troops as well as arms to support them. Prince Saif al-Islam al-Hassan, the Sheik's son, has been advancing on Sana (the capital) from Saudi Arabian territory on the north. His forces of Yemeni tribesmen have been joined by Saudi Arabian troops, and possibly some Jordanian troops also. British units are at the Yemeni borders. Within Saudi Arabia the position of King Saud has been insecure for some while. His rule is being actively opposed by the Emir Talal ibn Abdel Aziz, his younger brother—who is presently in Egypt, where Nasser has supported his movement against King Saud. Thus, if the Yemeni revolution succeeds in consolidating power, the repercussions may bring the downfall of the Saud regime, and quite possibly the disintegration of the political structure of vast, oil-rich Saudi Arabia, which rests primarily on the unified strength of the dynastic family. This explains why King Saud's troops have intervened in Yemen, why they are linked with closely allied Jordan, why the British are mobilized, and why even Washington, which usually grants immediate recognition to any revolutionary government of leftward leaning, has held off recognizing the Yemeni revolutionists.

Karlsruhe, West Germany. The current trial of Bogdan N. Stashinsky illustrates the continuity of Bolshevik tactics whether Lenin, Stalin or Khrushchev is leader. On direct order of Khrushchev, Stashinsky was assigned to an assassination mission by Alexander N. Shelepin, then head of the KGB, then as now one of Khrushchev's closest associates. He was trained in the use of a remarkable miniature squirt gun which kills almost instantaneously by spraying potassium cyanide into the face of the victim. The cyanide quickly completes evaporation, so that the cause of death is extremely difficult to determine. By this method Stashinsky killed Lev R. Rebet, a Ukrainian intellectual who was prominent among anti-Moscow Ukrainian groups abroad, October 12, 1957. On October 15, 1959 in Munich he assassinated the most famous of the anti-Bolshevik Ukrainian activists, Stepan Bandera, head of the OUN (Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists). Shelepin was awarded the Order of the Red Banner after the Bandera killing. He escaped to West Berlin just before the Wall went up last year, and turned himself over to West German police.

Jakarta. The Indonesian Communist Party—with its 2 million members, the largest outside the Iron Curtain—has been playing a very active role in the conquest of New Guinea. It not only supported but to a large extent

guided the brilliant polwar campaign that has brought anti-Western power to the Australian boundary. Aidit, Chairman of the Party, was particularly concerned with getting parachutists and guerrillas into New Guinea—many of them Communists—irrespective of the progress of diplomatic maneuvers. He stated, *after* the signing of the Bunker agreement, that the guerrillas must continue their activities and that the Indonesians must get the key military and political jobs during this period of nominal UN custody. A leading Communist (Semuan) runs the control committee (*Bapekan*) supervising all Indonesian governmental agencies. The best known Communist economist (Supardan) is the main figure in the Economic Council. Russia (seconded by the U.S.) is the big supplier of the mounting armament, in which the navy is being more and more stressed. A second cruiser is about to arrive, and under the disguise of an oceanographic institute, the Russians are constructing a submarine base at Ambon. The chiefs of the Russian Air Force and Navy have been recent visitors. Although Sukarno (whose health is reported poor, from a kidney disease) is not a Party member, it is accepted by him as well as Moscow that Indonesia is now within the Eastern Bloc. There are, in fact, close analogies between Cuba and Indonesia. With the takeover of New Guinea, the South Seas passage is potentially cut, the American Pacific position outflanked, and Australia isolated.



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"You accidentally pressed it? I hope you realize this could mean a court-martial?"

Kampala, Uganda. Western observers were on the whole encouraged by this new nation's independence day (October 9). Prime Minister Obote's speech contained pleasant references to both British and missionaries. His government is a coalition instead of the usual African one-party clique. The constitution gives considerable autonomy to Buganda (Uganda's Katanga); and the Kabaka of Buganda (= Tshombe) gave a fine garden party to help celebrate Uhuru. After a discreet protest from the Taipei delegate, the Chinese Communist flag was removed from the "world's flags" display at the airport.

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